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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT  
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Minoru ASAKAWA et al

Serial No. : 09/813,213

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For : IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS

Art Unit : 2624

Examiner : King Y Poon

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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This is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed January 13, 2006, the term for response to which expires on April 13, 2006.

**Amendments to the Claims** are set forth in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claim 18 is amended; claims 3 and 4 are canceled; and claims 1, 2, 5-17 and 19-21 are maintained.

**Remarks** begin on page 12 of this paper.

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Amendment (13)

I hereby certify that this paper is being facsimile transmitted to the Commissioner for Patents on the date noted below.

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Dated: February 27, 2006

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